

La Paz Career Center

COYOTE Youth Program



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- An additional 20 youth were placed, thanks to our contributors.
- A grand total of 36 youth received services through La Paz Career Center.
- 3 college credits were earned for Leadership Skills, through completion of a Career Exploration Class at Arizona Western College.
- 20 employers in the community participated.
- Services (mentoring, counseling, community service) continue throughout the school year.

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Together, everyone achieves more!



L to R: Representing La Paz Realtors Association is Bill Partridge (COYOTE Sponsor), Linda French from Department of Commerce, and John Gutekunst from Parker Pioneer Newspaper.

The COYOTE Youth Banquet was held July 22nd at the Community Center to honor all those who made this year's program so successful.

Under the supervision of Karen Bonds, a group of youth planned and prepared the entire meal which consisted of lemon pepper chicken, seasoned green beans, salad/roll, chocolate cake with strawberries and iced tea. Everyone was quite impressed and a good time was had by all. County Administrator, Huey Long gave an inspirational exhortation about life struggles and accomplishments. He noted that in working together, the sky is the limit.



Youth L to R who prepared luncheon: Sheri Cross, Dani James, James Carnicom, Nick Foss, Alyzde Garcia, Ruth Gonzales, Ryan Story, Danyele Grissom, Joseph Jones, Tim Miller and Niota Leal-Wood.

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Contributors: CB Real Estate, Elks, Havasu Springs Resort, Hospital Auxiliary, La Paz Corrections, La Paz County Board of Supervisors, La Paz Realtors Association, George Nault, Soroptimists, Town of Parker, Wenden Elementary Cafeteria, Parker Women's Civic Club.



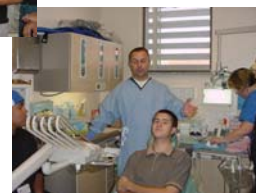
Front Row: Janice Shelton, Rich Tozer (ELKS) Second Row: Karen Bonds, Beverly Bailey (Parker Women's Civic Club), Angie Whittaker (Women's Hospital Auxiliary), Chonna Marshall (CB Real Estate) Back Row: Clare Helminiak (Parker Indian Health Services), Leonard Juarez Jr., Mary Ludington for George Nault (Assessor), Bill Partridge (La Paz Realtors Association), Hal Collett (Sheriff), and Jay Howe (La Paz County Board of Supervisors)

Tours/Presentations: Arizona Western College, BlueWater Casino, Buckskin State Park, Castro Service Center, Central AZ Project, KLPZ, Janice Shelton, La Paz Corrections, La Paz BOS, Parker Funeral Home, Parker Indian Health Services, Tobacco Coalition, and Vicksburg Farms.



Keith Douglas, owner of KLPZ radio talks to a small group of youth interested in the Communications Industry.

Joseph Jones gets in the dentist's seat at Parker Indian Health Services.



AWARD RECIPIENTS CONTINUED:



Leticia Mejia has a sense of satisfaction, as she receives her certificate of completion.

CRRCS—Alyzde Garcia

La Paz Regional Hospital—Joseph Jones & Leticia Mejia

Arizona Western College—Tim Miller

Bicentennial Union High School—Vanessa Hunt, James Raymie, Josey Martinez & Stephanie Verdugo

NuVu Beauty Salon—Stephanie Raymie

Salome Water & Ice—Adrian Hunt

Employers and Participants

USDA/NRCS—Maria Alvarado

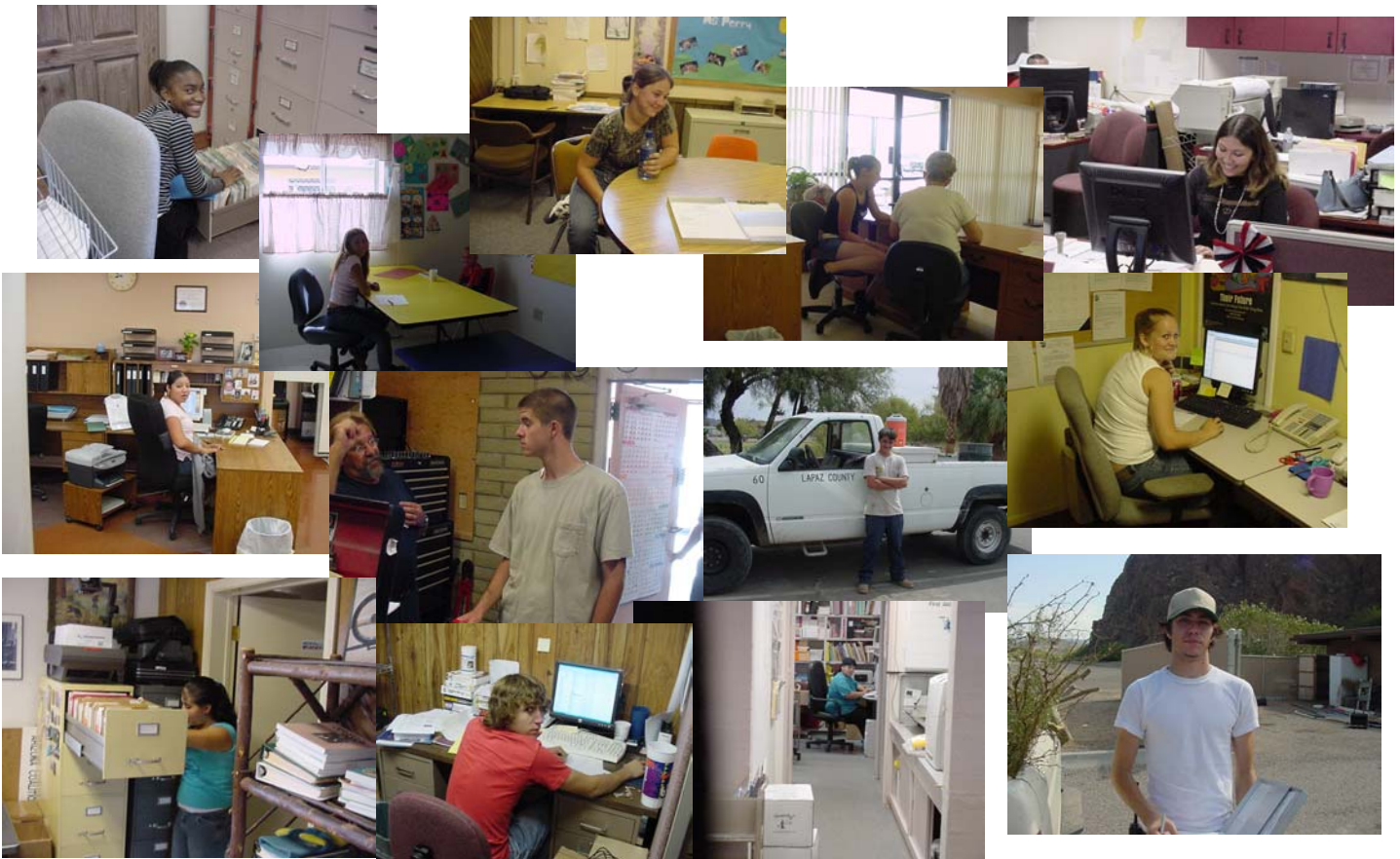
River Island State Park—Heath Carnicom

La Paz County—James Carnicom, Sara Cox, Danyelee Grissum, Stephanie Macias & Ryan Story

Town of Parker—Jamie Carrillo, Nick Foss, Cara Moore, Niota Leal-Wood, Danessa James, Roberta Miller & Marianna Serrato

Wallace School—Sheri Cross, Dani James, Ruth Gonzales & Jessica Davis

Tim Miller and supervisor Pat Peru shake hands on a job well done!



What the youth had to say

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"I have learned a lot of skills over the summer including sprinkler systems, and outside maintenance. I never realized how much work was involved in school grounds maintenance. JAMES RAYMIE

"My employment has heightened my personal financial freedom and relieved my family to an extent. With my new found job skills & experience, this program will continue to benefit me & my family in future." DANYELE GRISSUM

"I really extremely loved this program because it was fun, exciting, and very educational." SHERI CROSS

"I appreciate the summer program and everybody that makes it possible...thanks a million!" ROBERTA MILLER

"This program has given me new ideals of maturity and responsibility. A special thank you to Wayne Wagar and John Guthrie for making my job at River Island State Park an awesome experience." HEATH CARNICOM

"Great program! It has given me the opportunity to get out of the fast food industry, learn skills, and pay for my truck." CARA MOORE

"Don't change anything about this program, and I hope it continues for a long time." SARAH COX

"I learned organization skills, filing and how to properly answer phones. Danny Markus, my supervisor, was a great person to work with. I also enjoyed the classroom training...it was wonderful." MARIA ALVARADO

"This program has benefited me by teaching me new skills (data input, typing, answering phones, taking messages). Even though the program is over my employer has asked me to continue working there." JAMIE CARILLO

"I learned how important it is on a job to be on time." RUTH GONZALEZ

"This job really helped me learn to get along with other workers & follow directions on specific tasks. I can't wait until next summer." TIM MILLER

"I put money in the bank for emergencies, and also it kept me busy doing something I liked." ALYZDE GARCIA

"The summer program helped me earn additional money for college & skills to put on my resume. Thanks Career Center!" STEPHANIE MACIAS

What employers had to say

"Every year there is lots of "catch-up" work to be done, and the Summer Reading Program. It's neat to be able to help kids see what working is really like. The program is great, and the Career Center does an excellent job. This program HAS to continue!"

JEANNIE CHAVEZ-LIBRARY

"Youth was an awesome worker. This is a wonderful program to get experience at an early age which will help them in the future. I would suggest that the Career Center do more advertise so more kids know about the program." STEPHANIE BRINKERHOFF-POLICE

"Great Program, and will do it again next year. Having a youth gave me extra time with clients. Very organized, and Lillian Steele (Career Center staff) was great. Let's get MORE kids involved. " PAM WOLFE-NU VU BEAUTY SALON

"The extra help in our office was appreciated. No complaints, other than maybe more to choose from. Five interviews were scheduled and only two showed up. Attorney's office is very busy, and time was scheduled for interviews." LENNY DIAZ-LPC PUBLIC DEFENDER

"This was my first experience with La Paz Career Center and the COYOTE Program and IT WAS WONDERFUL! My only suggestion is to make it last longer!" LARRY CARLISLE-LPC IT DEPT

"Our office always benefits immensely from the program as it is the end of fiscal year. The Career Center is ran well by staff, and very easy to deal with. Cheryl Burns (Director) did a great job developing the program to reach out to youth who wouldn't have been able to "qualify". I suggest to extend the program...personal benefit :-)" AVA ALCAIDA-LPC FINANCE DEPT

"Really good program! It gives the kids an opportunity to see the "real world" and teaches them responsibility." PAT PERU-AWC

"We had a really good worker who did a lot of computer and office work for us. We are going to keep youth as a regular employee. Good job, and we appreciate all the Career Center does for us." SUZANNE FOSS-COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL CRISIS SHELTER

"Leticia was a quick learner and GREAT attitude. Every youth I interviewed were well dressed and I believe that was influenced by Career Center. I have hired through the Career Center before and it was a great experience." JOHN VILORIA-LP REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Smile for Success

“We Make a Difference!”



For Job Seekers

- Resource Center for Community Services
- Job training information
- Information about job openings
- Resource Library (applications, resumes, cover letters)
- Internet access for job search

- Selective recruitment
- Candidate referrals
- Candidate testing
- Hiring and training incentives
- Convenience and customer satisfaction



Danny Markus (employer) spoke at the banquet about the positive experience he has had with La Paz Career Center. He not only worked with our COYOTE Program, but just a few short months previous, he was a customer seeking assistance on jobs available in our area. We gave him several job leads, and he used the resources available at the center (internet, copying, etc) and as a result secured the job he is currently in. He stated the program and staff were very professional and knowledgeable about our area...a true One-Stop Resource Center for La Paz County.



Andrea was a 31 year old, unemployed, high school drop out raising her children as a single parent. Her story is one that reflects what true persistence is all about. Andrea was one of the Career Center's "on/off" Adult Ed clients. Well, 2004 was her year. She earned her diploma and plans on furthering her education at Arizona Western College. It has also allowed her to move beyond fast food employment.



Heather was 38 years old and unemployed. She had worked primarily in non-traditional jobs since entering the labor force and wanted to train in the clerical field. Heather completed her work experience at La Paz Regional Hospital in the position of Customer Service Rep and was hired permanently on November 2003.



Above: Graduation Ceremony held with AWC. Bottom Left: GED Graduates that "robed up". Bottom Right: Florencio Carillo receives special recognition for his perseverance in obtaining his GED.